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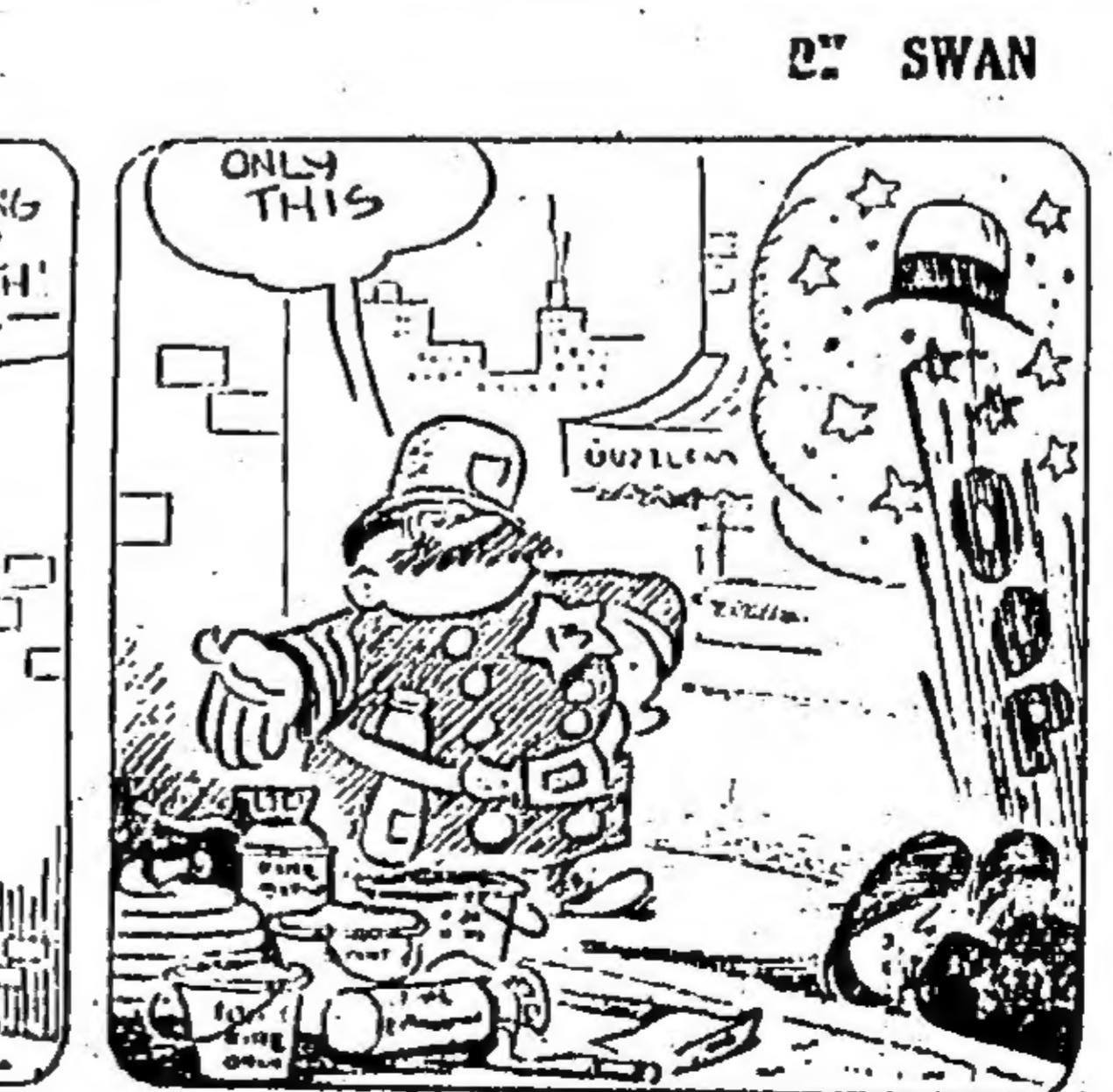
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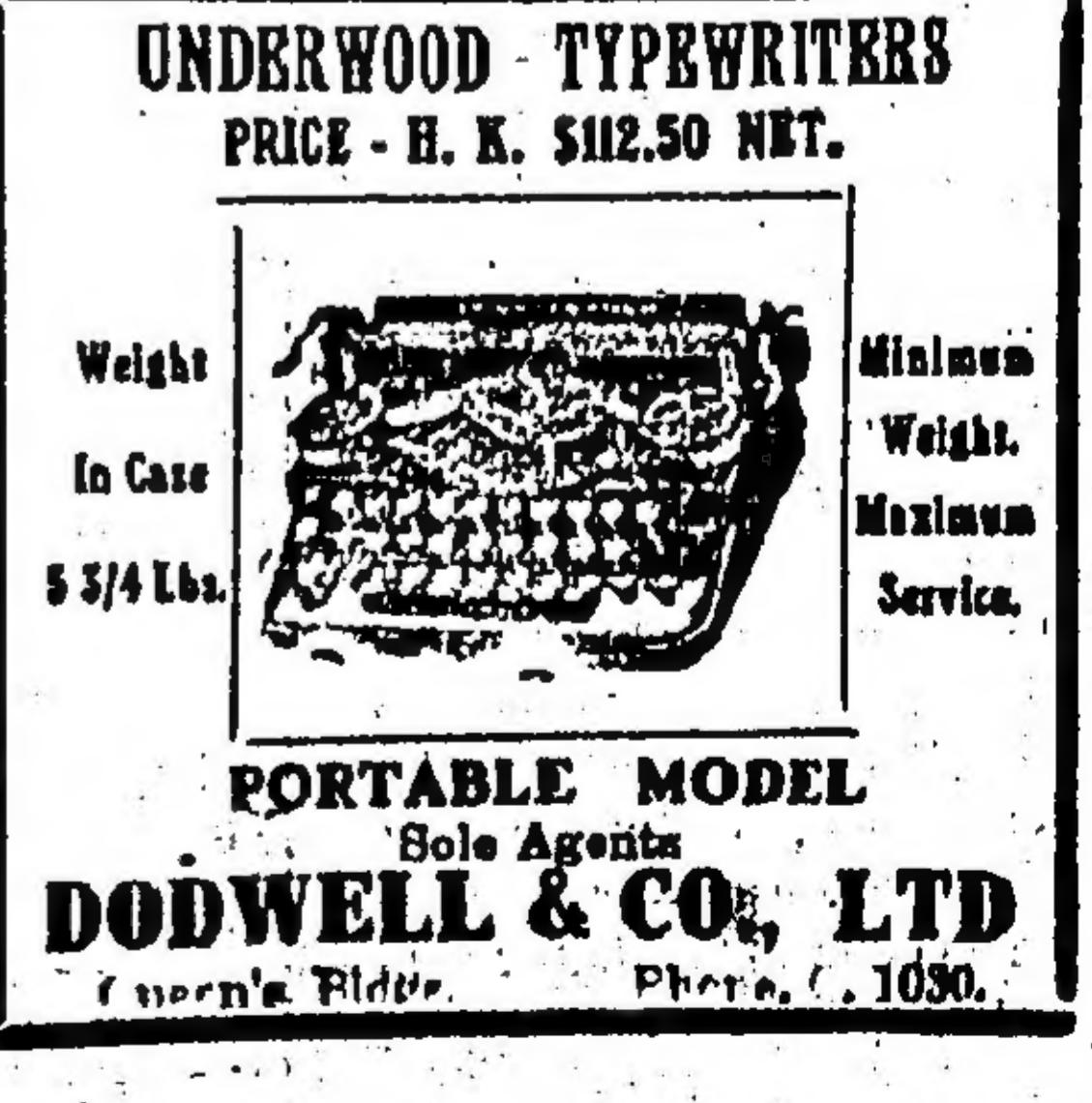
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BURNS' NIGHT.

FITTINGLY CELEBRATED.

The anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns was fittingly celebrated by Hongkong Scotsmen on Friday night, under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Society, when a large gathering at the Hongkong Hotel roof garden toasted the memory of the national bard.

Among those present (who numbered altogether nearly five-score) were Mr. James Reid President of the St. Andrew's Society, who was in the chair, and Dr. G. D. R. Black (Vice-President), Commodore Stirling, the Rev. J. Kirk Macconachie, and Messrs. R. M. Dyer, J. W. C. Bonnar, G. M. Young, J. B. Rose, B. Wylie, H. E. D. Adams, D. Gow, A. K. Henderson, D. Harvey, and A. Ritchie (Secretary).

The bill o' fare was of a nature in keeping with the occasion.

The Immortal Memory.

Proposing the toast of "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns," Mr. B. Wylie said: At the outset I have to thank you for this opportunity of being counted among those who from year to year in this place have been privileged to propose the toast to "The Immortal Memory" of our National Bard.

Your choice, however, is, I think, a somewhat unfortunate one, inasmuch as I am perhaps the last person in Hongkong who might be trusted to deal adequately with a poet and with poetry. Speaking by and large, I have no illusions about poetry. It would be unfair, however, for me to say in this regard, that the poets have only themselves to blame. "No, I won't go so far as that. But I will confess when it comes to wrestling with some of the exponents of airy subtleties and almost unintelligible diction, I am moved to write poetry a bore, a nuisance and an affliction.

Again, in fairness to the poets, it must be admitted that modern conditions are altogether against the proper appreciation of poetry. Nowadays we live in a state of almost continuous excitement. Impressions crowd upon the mind so fast that there is little time for calm reflection or the development of the higher self. There are so many things to be done, so many recreations and amusements exacting their toll on our nervous strength that, when we do find ourselves with a few moments of peace and quietude, the overworked mind in self-defence becomes a kind of vacuum where none but the most unconsequential thoughts are tolerated.

But if a person, in addition, does not like poetry, does not gravitate towards it, that is the end of poetry so far as he is concerned. The Poet of Commonplace Truth.

I am afraid I belong to the latter category; but although I confess I do not perhaps properly appreciate the great thoughts and emotions contained in the output of most poets, yet I can understand and appreciate Burns. (Hear, hear). And so can you. So can all of us.

There, to my mind, lies his greatness. We like Burns because his was the common message of a common man to common people. The power and charm of his poetry lies in qualities of sensibility, simplicity, freedom and reality. He was the poet, not of the high faltering, but of common-place truth.

We like him and understand him because he had that classic directness of vision. All through his verse, there are no loose ends,

no indefinite colour. Absolutely sincere in matter and with Burns, there is never a suspicion of false sentiment, never a word too much, and no one could tell so much and say so little. He wrote of what he saw, how he felt and that is how we can feel with him. That, gentlemen, in a nutshell, is why we like Burns and understand him so well.

That is how a man coming out of a lonely wayside cottage, enjoying next to no education, with no fortune, next to no influence and speaking a provincial dialect, has compelled all mankind to listen.

That is why in every part of the world, wherever Scottish folk are gathered and the Scottish tongue known, wherever the Scottish hearts beat with human feeling and patriotic emotion, his works are counted a great treasure, his fame a great heritage and his genius a great impulse, shedding gladness on the humble home, cheering the social board, inspiring the dreams of youthful ambition and reviving the courage of faltering hope. (Applause).

Poet Laureate of the Under Dog.

We like Burns and appreciate his poetry because of his rugged honesty and sturdy independence. He was the Poet Laureate of the Under Dog. Burns told Scotland and Scotland has passed the word along that there is always room at the top of the ladder for those who are born at the bottom, that the road to success is no private thoroughfare but a free highway even from gutter and garret open for all who care to pass along. (Hear, hear). Even those who do not get so far on the journey, with Burns as their guide, they dare be poor for a' that. This wonderful song, "A Man's a Man for a' that," containing as it does a prophecy of the unity of the race and a plea for the solidarity of our common humanity, is founded on the thoroughly Scottish sentiment of the value of man as man, of the dignity of labour, whether physical or mental, as compared with the tinsel shows of privileged indolence.

We like him for his scorn for the empty "birkin ca'ed a lord" and for all king-made dignities unbacked by merit. Even the most untutored can appreciate that these lines contain the embodiment of practical Christianity and all that is worth while in modern Socialism.

We like Burns for his expressions of kindness and sympathy concerning man, bird and beast. In winter storm when "poor Labour sweet in sleep was lock'd," we find him lamenting over the wee, helpless birds and the silly sheep. In his address to the Mouse and the Daifey and his tributes to his old mate Maegie and pet yowie Maemie, every line a classic. The world is incomparably richer for poetry like that. (Applause).

We also read with keen joy when he flays the hypocrites, cranks, killjoys and religious humbugs. Burns' influence on religion was noteworthy in that, although he wrote "The Cotter's Saturday Night," perhaps our most outstanding picture of home religious life, yet he was also the slayer of the crude Calvinism of his time. His humorous and almost sympathetic "Address to the Devil" robbed that form of religion once and for all of many of its horrors, and it is agreed that his scathing exposure of cant and pharisaical self-conceit in spiritual matters was badly needed.

Burns' Ranting Joyousness.

We really like Burns. We like the ranting joyousness of him. (Hear, hear). For all the grimness of his life, for all the mournful passion which broke out even in his most striking verse, the result was not sadness. Behind it was the joy of the artist, the joy of the man who was determined to make the world realise that



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beauty and delight could be found in life if it were squarely faced. His love songs may be tragic or humorous; but they, unlike other soul-racking efforts of so many other poets, have always that saving grace of naturalness. Many of the love songs of Burns give us into ethereal regions and with tortuous diction wring our heartstrings in an attempt to urge us after imagination's fanciful flight. No, he wrote much nearer the soil, much more comprehensive and

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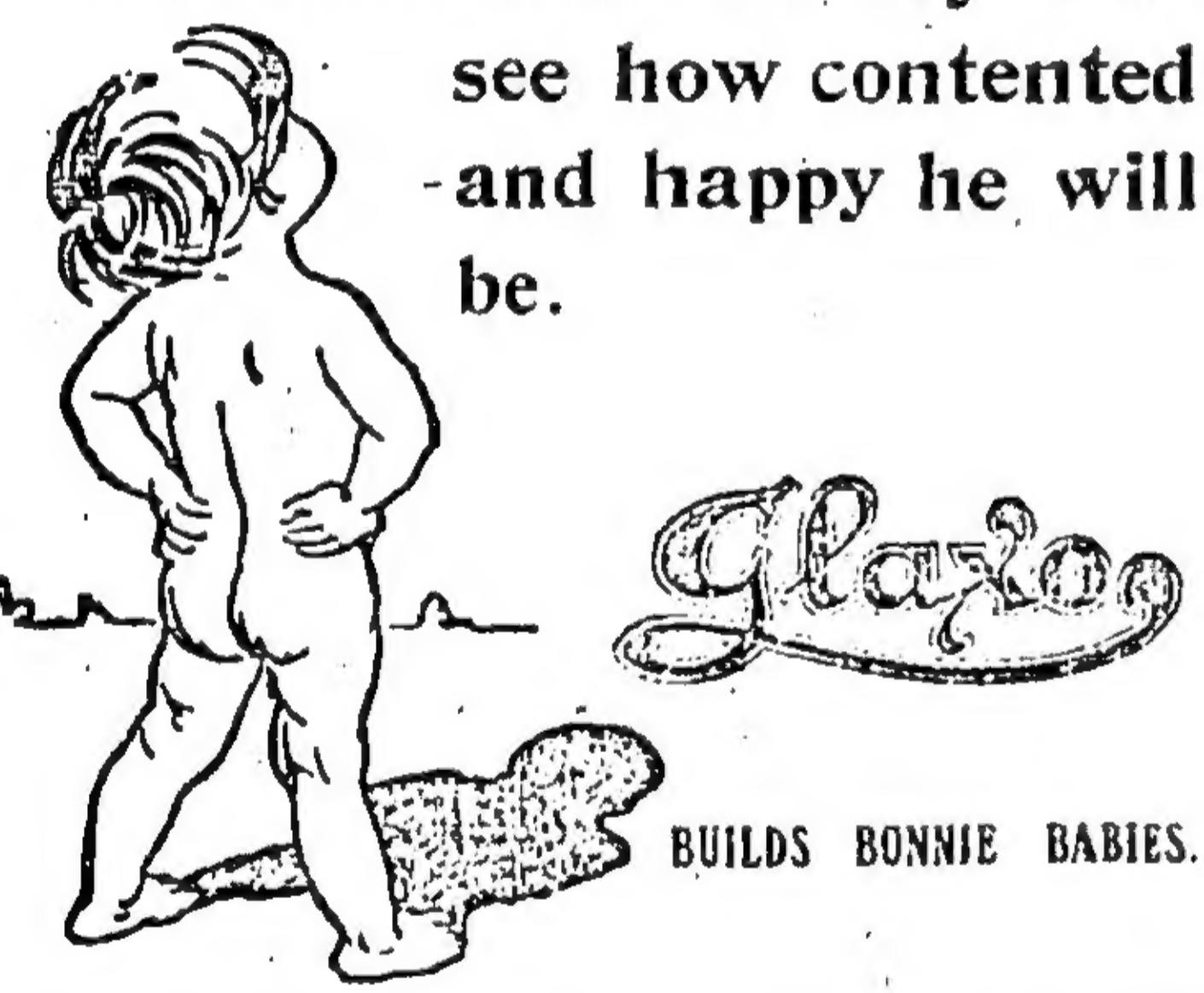
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BURNS' NIGHT.

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true. That, gentlemen, is what stamps Burns as a master in the affairs of the heart. There is little poetry which has ever left the mark on texture so nearly commonplace. It is this fact which makes him the one great poet in our language; it is this fact which makes him a genuinely popular poet, one readily beloved by the unlettered no less than by the learned and by numbers of people like myself, for whom Burns is the only exception to the rule that they like verse at all, they like bad verse.

The appreciation of poetry is not a thing made to order, and most people do not like poetry. But, I repeat, most Scotsmen like Burns. Nay more, they are jealous of the fame and reputation of their National Bard. He stirs the heart of every one of us and his works have undoubtedly had an enduring influence on our national life and character for he has, above all things, bequeathed to the generations a heritage of truth, courage and comfort. (Applause).

A Poet of Universal Significance.

Burns was a poet of universal significance, but he achieved that significance through his intensely personal character and quality, both of which were specifically Scottish. From our standpoint it might be said that his universality is possible only through his precisely national view—his parochial emphasis. But Scotland's honour is not that she at least raised a poet that only she could understand, but that she raised a poet who was Scottish in every beat of his heart, yet commanded the homage, affection and understanding of mankind. His message is one which appeals to the hearts of men quite apart from the considerations of space and time, nationality, class or creed, and the burden of that message is that the greatest things in the world are freedom, manliness and brotherhood. He spoke not for one class, but for all classes and that all classes might be one. (Hear hear).

And that is why at this time of year, men meet the wide world over to celebrate the birthday of one who might well be called the world's poet.

Lang, lang may we thoghter meet,
In brotherhood ilk other greet,
An' keep the memory green
O' him we ken,
Whose verse still throbs w' warm heart-beat Thro' countless men. (Applause). Gentlemen, I ask you to rise and drink with me a toast to "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns."

The Lassies.

Mr. G. M. Young was entranced with the pleasant duty of proposing the toast of "The Lassies." He said: Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society and Gentlemen, Our earliest and happiest moments are linked with womankind and no excuse therefore is needed for myself or anyone else proposing the toast of the Lassies.

Passing from childhood the poet's early verse
"She dresses ayne aye clean and neat
Bath decent and gentle
And then there's something in her gait
Gair any dress look weel."

In many cases describes our first romantic feeling about the bonnie lassies.

Later we may single on one who can only be described as

"Fair Empress of the pool's soul"
followed by most of us with the well expressed sentiment
"To make a happy fire-side clime

For wems and wife
Is the true pathos and sublimo
Of human life."

This we all feel is the greatest joy of all. (Applause). (Continued on page 12).

Burns rightly placed the lassies in their proper place when writing:

"Auld nature swears, the lovely dears
Her noblest work she classes
O;
Her prentice han' she tried on man,
An' then she made the lassies
O."
I give you the toast of "The Lassies." (Applause). The company having raised their glasses and drunk to "The Lassies."

The Reply.

Mr. H. E. D. Adams, whose name was associated with the toast, replied. He said: Gentlemen and ladies, You must envy me

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During the course of the evening a splendid musical programme was rendered, among those contributing being Messrs. G. McLeod, McKeown, McNaughton, A. S. Mill and P. D. Wilson (bagpipes).

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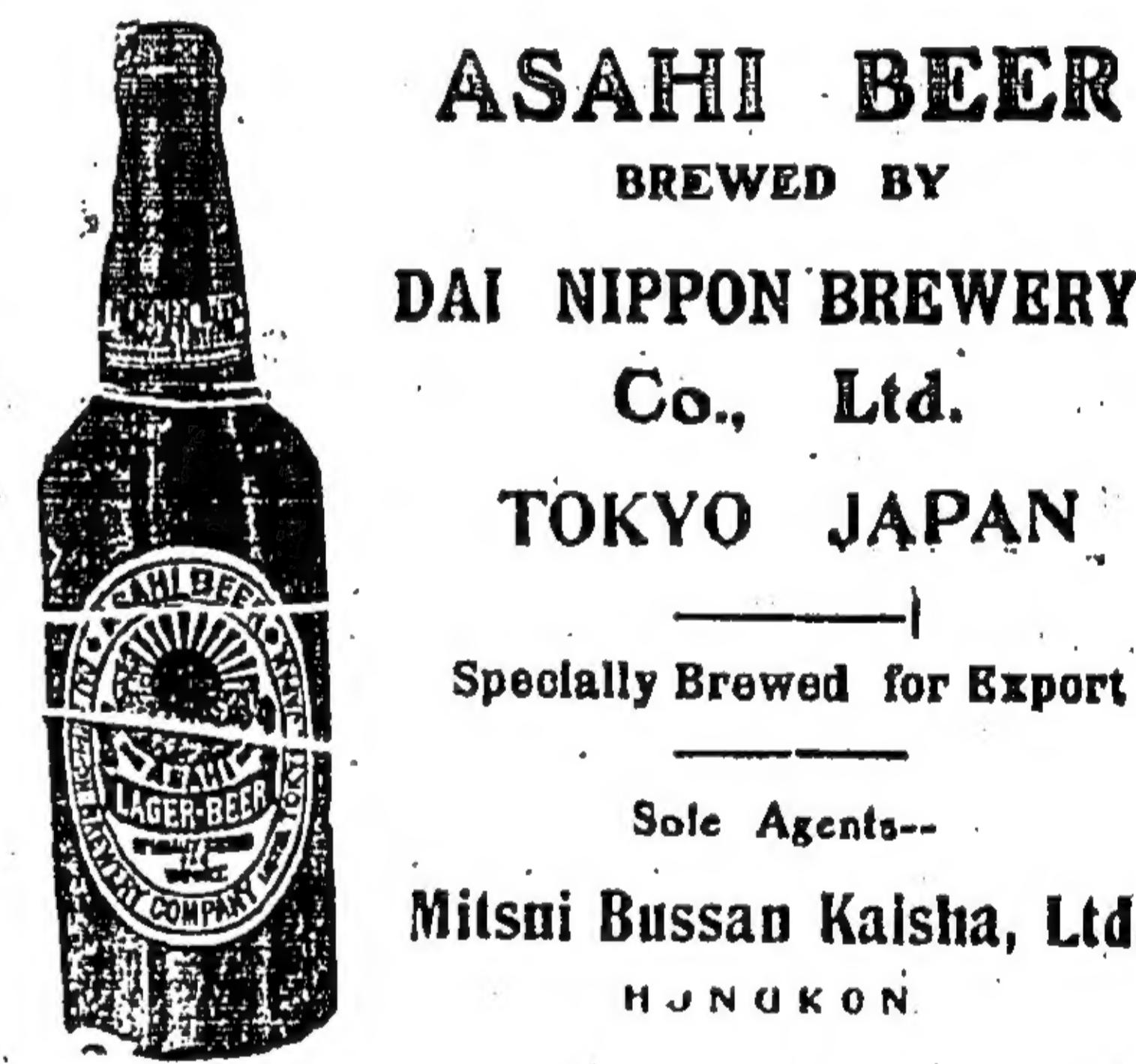
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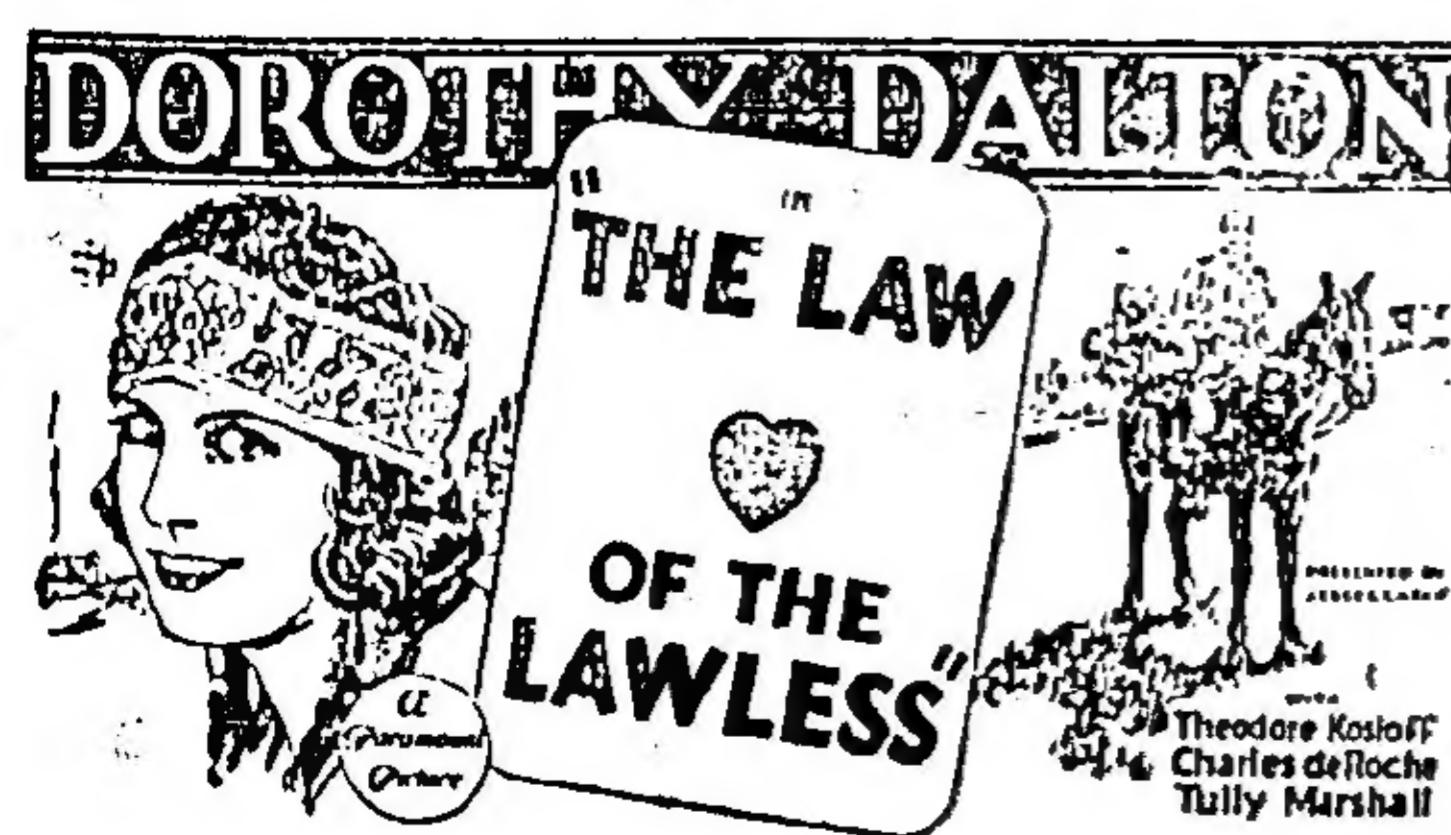
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The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 26th Jan., 1925.

LOCAL AVIATION.

It is regrettable that the opening of what is described as an aviation school in Hongkong should have been marred by a sad accident, as reported elsewhere in this issue. We do not see that anyone is much to blame for what occurred. It was just an instance of the risk which aeronauts run whenever they take to the unfamiliar element of the air. The question of whether there were sufficient precautions against fatality is also not for us to discuss here, or now. What we are concerned with, and what the majority of the public will doubtless like enlightenment on, is the whole matter of local aviation, *per se* and as it affects the responsible administration. The question of a Colonial air squadron as part of the defence of this place has been discussed almost *ad nauseam*, and nothing has transpired of definite nature. From what we have heard remarked in certain quarters recently, though, it appears that the authorities have that matter in the forefront of their defence considerations. The advent of the Pegasus with British naval seaplanes was an instance of what can be accomplished in aerial work. There also exists—does it?—an Aero Club of Hongkong, which we believe was somewhat cold-shouldered by the administration at the time of its attempted activities. Now, however, we see things being done by private enterprise which the previous discussions had not traversed. One must naturally conclude that official sanction has been given to the inauguration of a flying school in the Colony, and as a corollary that the plan has official encouragement, at least of a passive nature. But in the absence of any definite knowledge of the Government's view of the subject one is left in a state of doubt as to whether the public, and authorities themselves, are eventually to benefit; and who is to get the credit or the blame if civilian aviation in Hongkong proves a success or a failure. And that is a very unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Useful Work.

With the closing of the joint conference of the Church Medical Missionary Association, and the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association, it can fairly be commented that a session of extremely valuable collaboration has ended. The former body continues in conference on its own for several more days, but it has been to very good purpose that the ordinary professional medical man and the missionary medical men of China have got together during the past week. Many subjects vitally affecting public health have been discussed and there has been much interchange of professional ideas, together with a valuable comparison of results. The wide range of the conference subjects and the undoubtedly able men who have gathered at the University to discuss them has aimed to make the conference one of lasting value. As a correspondent has put it, there have been no startling announcements or disclosures or discoveries, but there has been a serious and practical discussion of the everyday clinical problems of medical men. And it is in the realm of professional practice, just as much as in the science of the laboratory, that the ills and diseases of mankind are being fought. To the clinician just as to the scientist, we must look for guidance, and this past week's gathering of men and women who, in different parts of China, are applying and testing the theories of medical science and who were thus enabled to discuss and compare their experiences, must have been of undoubtedly value. And one cannot help but feel glad that it was at Hongkong's University that these workers for a healthier China gathered together.

The silk shipped per s.s. President Grant, which sailed from this port on December 28th at midnight, arrived New York at 10.30 a.m. on January 20th, having been 22½ calendar days in transit.

A small fire broke out last evening on the second floor of 62, Des Voeux Road Central, it being believed that a spark from fireworks ignited a quantity of rubbish. The Brigade were almost immediately on the spot and speedily extinguished the flames.

The case came up before Mr. David in the Singapore District Court last week in which Mr. P. R. Reason, of Bangkok, stands charged with alleged criminal breach of trust in respect of 3,400 taels. The accused was arrested. A postponement was granted pending receipt of an extradition warrant.

A number of Chinese arrested on Saturday and Sunday in various districts on the mainland, for unlawfully gambling in public streets, were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendants in most cases were fined \$2 each. Others who failed to appear had their bail of \$5 each estreated.

The Poor Box benefited to the extent of about \$5, which money was seized by the police.

The sudden disappearance recently of George Crumpton Cooper, the European accountant at the Singapore office of Messrs. John Little and Co., has had a sequel in the issue of a warrant for his arrest on a charge of criminal breach of trust, the money involved amounting to several thousand dollars. He is understood to have left by sea, and the authorities at ports to which he is considered likely to proceed have been notified, says a Singapore paper.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Australia were Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lambot, Mr. R. M. Austin, Mr. R. B. Moorhead, Sir Edward and Lady Pearce, Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. S. Pack, Mr. H. Rois, Mr. F. Lowell, Mr. A. L. Anderson, Mr. J. Neil, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Byrnes, Mr. McClatchey, Mr. W. C. Woodfield, Mr. A. T. Hayim, Mr. N. All, Mr. K. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayim, as well as members of the Shanghai import football team.

There was a very happy gathering at the Hongkong Hotel grill room on Chinese New Year's Eve, on the occasion of a special carnival. All accommodation was fully booked, and there were hundreds of guests present, the great majority of whom were in fancy dress. There were appropriate and striking Chinese decorations, whilst a special menu was served. The whole affair was a tribute to the enterprize of the management, under Mr. W. H. Perry, the genial manager. There was also an "overflow" carnival at the Repulse Bay Hotel, which was a great success.

DAY BY DAY.

KNOW THAT THE SLENDER SHRUB WHICH IS SEEN TO BEND, CONQUERS WHEN IT YIELDS TO THE STORM.—*Melastasio.*

Col. F. Eaves left by the s.s. Kora Maru.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. H. Bunje, and Mr. B. W. Bradbury returned by the s.s. President Jackson.

The China Medical Missionary Association opened its 17th biennial conference at the Hongkong University this morning.

Sir Robert Ho Tung is giving tea party to the delegates of the Medical Conference, both foreign and Chinese, at the Hongkong Hotel roof garden tomorrow afternoon.

R. E. v. K. C. C.

The Royal Engineers were the guests of the Kowloon Cricket Club, in a match which commenced at 10.45 and concluded at dusk. The K. C. C. batted first, and scored 152 (A. W. Ramsey 59 and A. A. Dand 41, with 30 "extras"). Col. Butterworth performed wonderfully with the ball, taking 8 wickets for 17 runs in 7 overs, one a maiden, and including the "hat trick." Going in to a good start, the R. E.'s just failed to equal the Club's score, compiling 147. Corporal Blondin was unlucky to be run out at 42. Signal: Holland contributed 23 and Capt. Feary 27. J. Fraser took 3 for 29.

The K. C. C. batted again, declared at 5 for 77 (O. B. Raven 32, not out), Q. M. S. Jacob taking 4 for 23; and the visitors had compiled 80 for 9 when stumps were drawn, Capt. Feary contributing 25 and Col. Butterworth 21.

CRAIGENGOWER vs. ELECTRICIANS.

Craigengower Cricket Club were at home to the Hongkong Electric Company cricket eleven, and an enjoyable contest resulted in an easy win for the home side. The C. C. C. compiled 179 (F. Schnepel 62, A. Kitchell 34, and R. C. Reed 21), W. B. Muskett taking 5 for 52. The H. K. E. C. replied with 97 (S. C. Stansby 33, A. F. Paul 20).

In their second venture Craigengower scored 61 (E. Finch 23, not out), C. B. Easterbrook taking 7 for 27; and the H. K. E. C. doing better in their second knock, compiled 74 (G. F. Padgett 23), P. A. Dixon taking 3 for 13 and S. Abbas 4 for 12.

CIVIL SERVICE MATCH.

An inter-club contest was played on the Civil Service ground, when F. H. Holman's eleven gained a victory over C. Sara's eleven by 44 runs.

F. H. Holman scored 41 not out, R. C. Bruce 19, and A. W. Grimmett 23, towards a total of 136.

C. Sara's eleven replied with 92, (C. Alexander 44 and Hallam 26, not out).

BRIGHT SHOW.

MADELINE ROSSITER CO.

A large audience greeted Miss Madeline Rossiter and her talented Company at the opening performance at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night. Well known all over the East, Miss Rossiter has no mean reputation to sustain, but, on Saturday, she not only sustained it, but considerably enhanced it. The Company is also a very strong one, and during the whole of the show, which was entitled "Flares and Flashes," there was not a moment of dullness.

Programmes were unfortunately scarce, and we are therefore unable to deal with the many individual items rendered, but the fact that onces were freely demanded is sufficient indication of the excellent entertainment provided. Mention must be made of the original and extremely funny comedian, who kept the audience in constant roars of laughter, and of the dancing and singing of the other members, all of which was of a high order.

Miss Rossiter was in splendid form, and her grotesque mimicry as a choir conductor was one of the most laughable burlesques we have seen for a long time. We strongly recommend an early visit to such a really enjoyable show.

FLYING TO LAKE CHAD.

Paris, Jan. 25. Col. Degoy's aeroplane expedition to Lake Chad has arrived at Colom-Béchar. —Reuter.

PALMA ISLAND.

Washington, Jan. 23. The United States and the Netherlands have agreed to refer the question of the sovereignty of Palma Island, in the Philippine Archipelago, to arbitration.

ALFONSO'S DAY.**SPAIN'S POPULAR KING.**

Madrid, Jan. 23.

The recent crescendo throughout the country, of manifestations of loyalty to the King culminated in remarkable demonstrations to-day, which is dubbed "Alfonso's Day." A huge procession, headed by parliamentarians, provincial councillors and mayors from all parts, marched with bands and banners to the Palace, from the balcony of which King Alfonso and mem-



bors of the Royal Family and Directory remained for several hours, despite the intense cold, to watch the march past. The King had earlier received shoals of telegrams of congratulation. Crowds besieged the Palace to sign the albums. In connection with the celebrations, a Royal amnesty has been granted to soldiers, sailors and civilians convicted of light offences. Generals Berenguer and Saravia, who were arrested in October have been released. —Reuter.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.**FRENCH COMMENT ON TREATY.**

Paris, Jan. 23.

The newspapers, welcoming the Japan's international position is greatly strengthened thereby, and a revision of the United States attitude towards the Soviet will probably be hastened.

Le Matin opines that certain general clauses of the Treaty are most important—for example, the mutual undertaking not to deal with a third Power to the detriment of the contracting parties. This would seem to imply that in the event of conflict brought about by the Soviet in Europe or Asia, Japan would maintain at least an attitude of benevolent neutrality. —Reuter.

BRITAIN REASSURED.

Moscow, Jan. 25. Interviewed by *Izvestia*, M. Rakovsky declared that he expected only good results from the Russo-Japanese agreement as far as it concerned Anglo-Soviet relations. Britain had no reason to suppose that the agreement was in the least degree directed against her. The Soviet sincerely desired peaceful co-operation with Britain. M. Rakovsky said he was astonished at M. Horrot's protest and M. Rykoff's declaration. He declared that M. Horrot was quite well that the Soviet was ready to pay, but France must create the possibility of payment by financially helping the Soviet. —Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET.**REMARKABLE BOWLING.**

Moel Bay, Jan. 23. Mr. Joll's team beat the South Western Districts by an innings and 202 runs.

The Districts made 47 in their first innings, Geary taking six wickets for 25 runs, and Kennedy four wickets for 19.

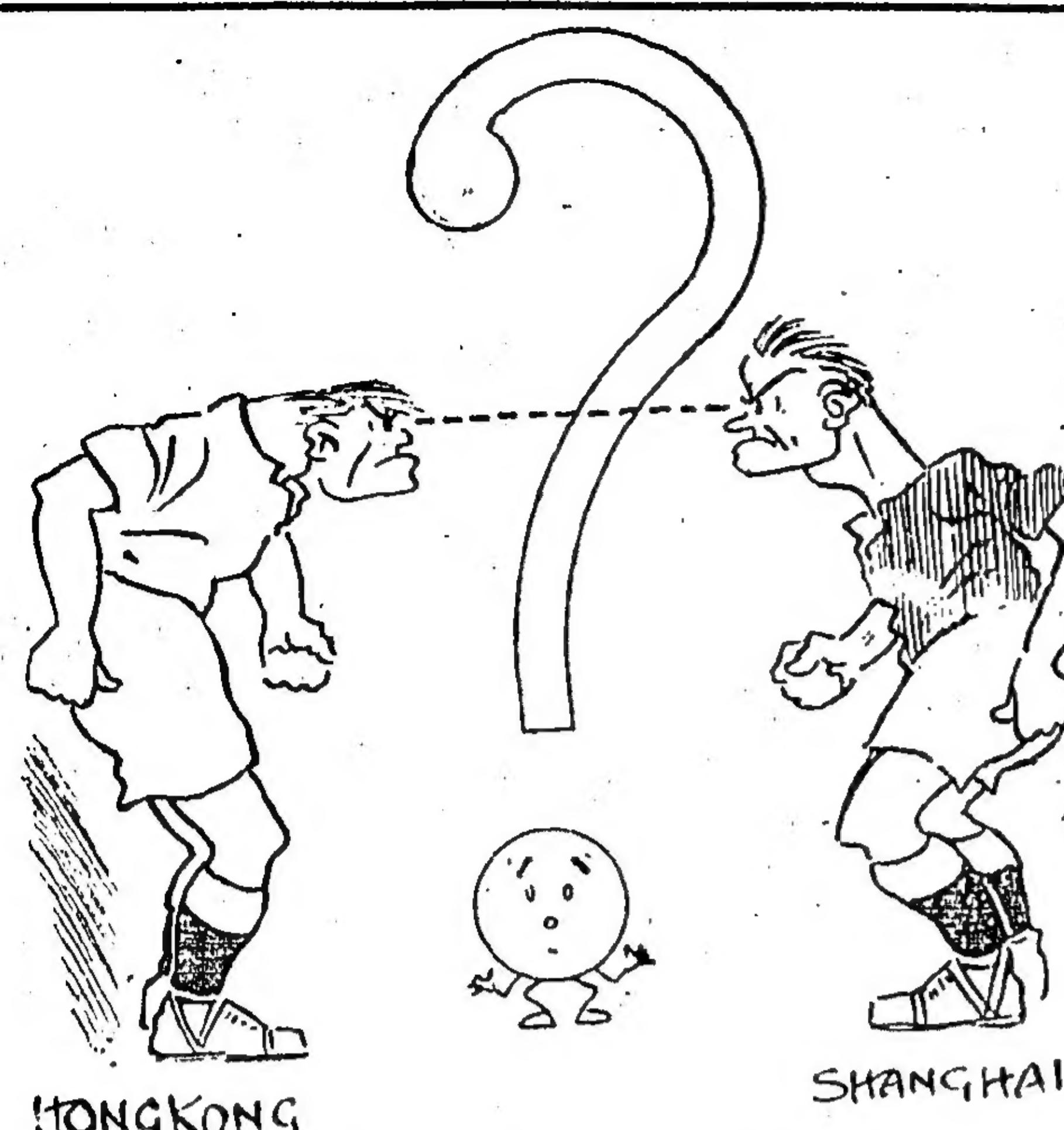
Mr. Joll's team made 353 for nine (declared), Holmes scoring 104. The Districts, in their second venture, made 105, Tennyson taking three wickets for 29 runs, Marriot three for 17, and Jameson three for six runs. —Reuter.

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GERMAN POLITICS.

"SCENE" IN PRUSSIAN DIET.

Berlin, Jan. 23. There were 442 members of the Prussian Diet present when the Communist motion of non-confidence in the Cabinet was put. Exactly half voted in favour and the other half against the motion, which, in accordance with the rules of the house, was rejected. The present Prussian Government therefore remains in office, despite the fact that the Right parties denied that Herr Braun's Cabinet was entitled to continue to conduct the affairs of Prussia in view of the result of the December elections and the fact that the People's Party have broken away from the Government.

Tumultuous scenes followed the technical ruling out of three further anti-Government votes. The Socialists and Communists threatened each other with fists whilst a Communist seized the Speaker's bell and, amid a terrible din, called for cheers for the Internationale, in which colleagues in various sections of the gallery joined.

Subsequently the Diet adjourned until February 2. After meeting of the Ministerial parties, the Government decided to resign.

SURCHARGE ABOLISHED.

ON FREIGHT RATES.

London, Jan. 24. It is officially announced that the surcharge of five shillings per ton on freights from Newport and Swansea to Far Eastern ports will be abolished as from February 1st, putting freights from these two ports on the same basis as from Liverpool, Glasgow and Middlesbrough. It is opined that as nearly half the total iron and steel exports from England to the Far East are dealt with at Bristol Channel ports the concession will be of prime importance to South Wales' manufacturers in one of their foremost markets.—Reuter.

NAVAL MISHAP.

BRITISH MOTOR LAUNCH EXPLODES.

Hankow, Jan. 24. An accident occurred here today, when a H. M. motor launch 307 back-fired and exploded, with the result that her side blew out. She was later beached and sunk. One of the crew has been sent to hospital.—Reuter.

BOMBAY OUTRAGE.

Bombay, Jan. 23. The wounded Lieutenant Saigot and other witnesses of the Malabar Hill outrage were present at an Indo-English identification parade before the State Magistrate, in which a number of men were identified and arrested. It is officially denied that those arrested include the Aids de Camp of the Maharajah of Indore.—Reuter.

CHILE COUP.

TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT.

Santiago de Chile, Jan. 24. Effecting a sudden coup, a contingent of young Military officers occupied the Moneda Palace, the Government's Headquarters. The officers' avowed aim is the deposition of the Government with a view to "effecting neutrality in politics." Senor Alessandri has been urgently requested to return to resume the presidency.

Later. The military officers who have overthrown the Government have issued a manifesto stating that they have asked President Alessandri to return to the country to assume power and summon the Constituent Assembly. Senor Alessandri is now in Italy.—Reuter's American Service.

PACIFIC CONTROL.

NO FEAR OF JAPAN-AMERICAN WAR.

Washington, Jan. 24. By 252 votes to 35, the House of Representatives adopted a Bill authorising an increase in the expenditure in connection with the aircraft carriers Lexington and Saratoga, from twenty-three to thirty-four million dollars each. In the course of the debate, Mr. Britton read a letter, allegedly from a Japanese Peer, asking him to use his influence with the Government to stop the proposed forthcoming naval manoeuvres at Hawaii on the ground that they would menace the peace of the Pacific. Mr. Britton added that there would never be the slightest prospect of a Japan-American war while American control led the Pacific. The Bill has not yet passed the Senate.—Reuter's American Service.

WAR DEBTS.

U. S. BANKERS BUSY.

New York, Jan. 23. According to the New York Times, the groups of bankers who have been considering plans for the sale of new issues of French industrial and municipal Bonds, have hurriedly altered their plans, owing to M. Marin's statement in the French Chamber and especially the enthusiastic response thereto, which is regarded as showing that the statement reflected the viewpoint of the whole Chamber, and presumably the French electorate.—Reuter's American Service.

POLAND FUNDS HER DEBT.

Warsaw, Jan. 24. The Chamber unanimously voted for the ratification of the agreement for funding the debt to the United States. The Reporter explained that Poland would pay this year one million dollars and that the payment of the debt would be spread over a period of years until 1934.—Reuter.

FRENCH TRADE.

Paris, Jan. 23. The trade figures for 1924 show total imports of forty milliard francs, an increase of seven milliards compared with 1923 and exports totalling forty-one milliards, an increase of eleven milliards.—Reuter.

DAY BY DAY.

A Chineso woman was held up by robbers at Chatham Road, Kowloon, on Saturday afternoon and robbed of a couple of bangles and four finger rings. Later, two of the men were arrested with a part of the stolen property in their possession.

A teahouse-keeper in Yaumati, who was not a member of the Restaurant Guild, refused to close his shop on New Year's Day, with the result that a number of Guild members raided the place and damaged a quantity of crockery. A sum of \$45 was also taken from the till, and man arrested was this morning remanded on bail of \$1,000. Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended.

The death is announced in Peking of Mrs. J. L. Stuart, formerly of Hangchow and Nanking, at the age of 83 years. She was known to her friends as "Mother Stuart." For forty-one years she worked in the Presbyterian Mission at Hangchow, moved to Nanking in 1915 and four years later went to live with her son, Mr. J. Loighton Stuart, at Peking. She was a native of Mobile, Alabama, and first came to China on Christmas Day in 1874.

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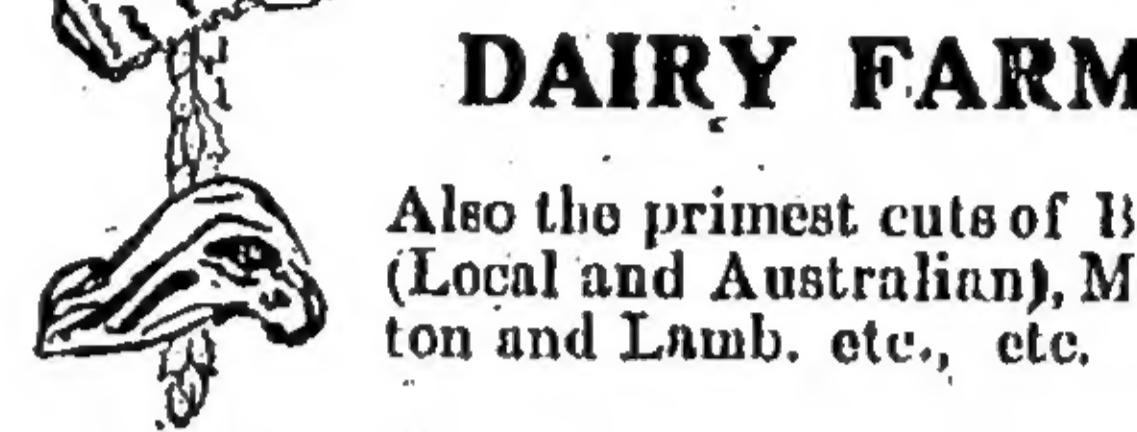
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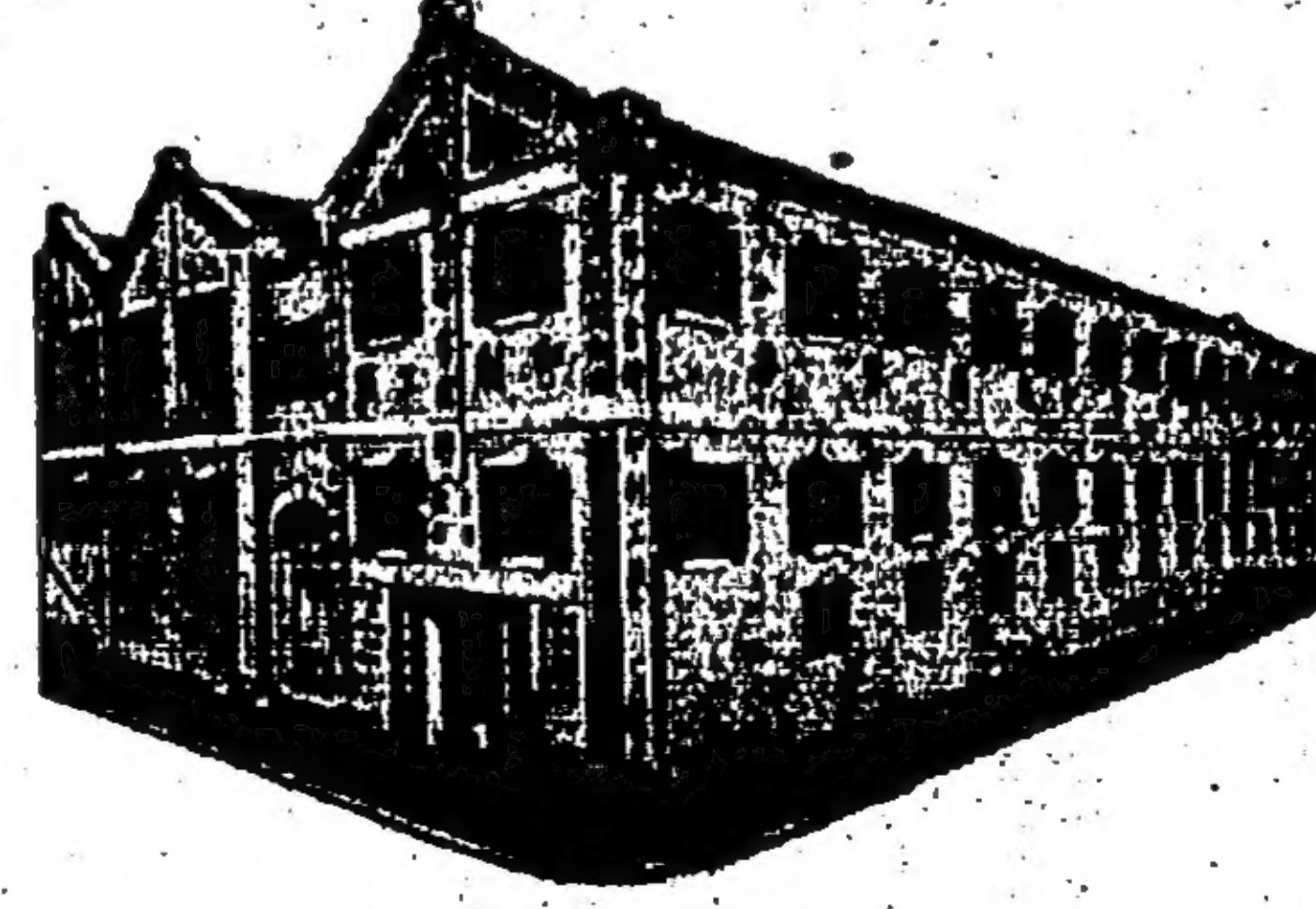
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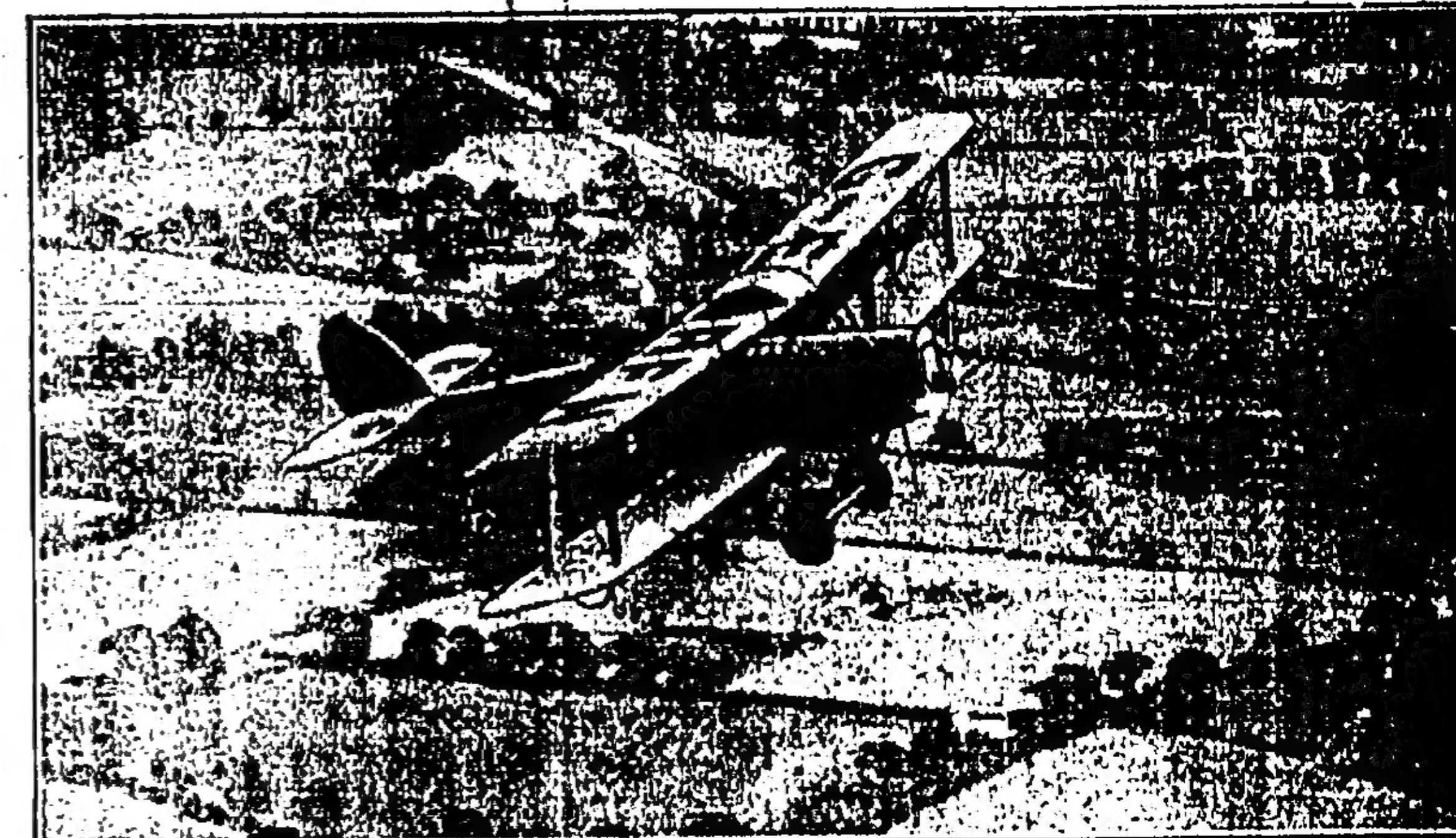
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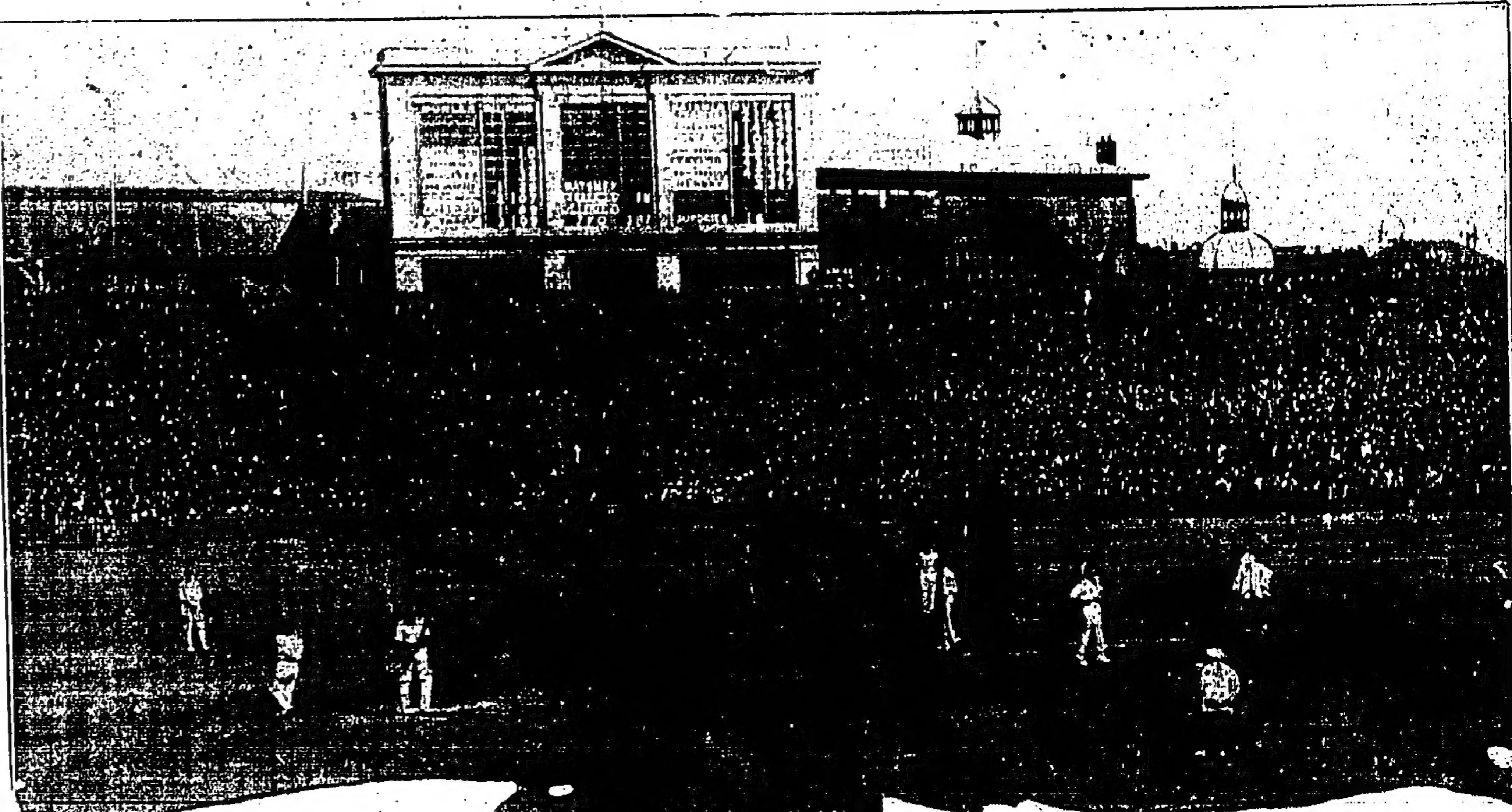
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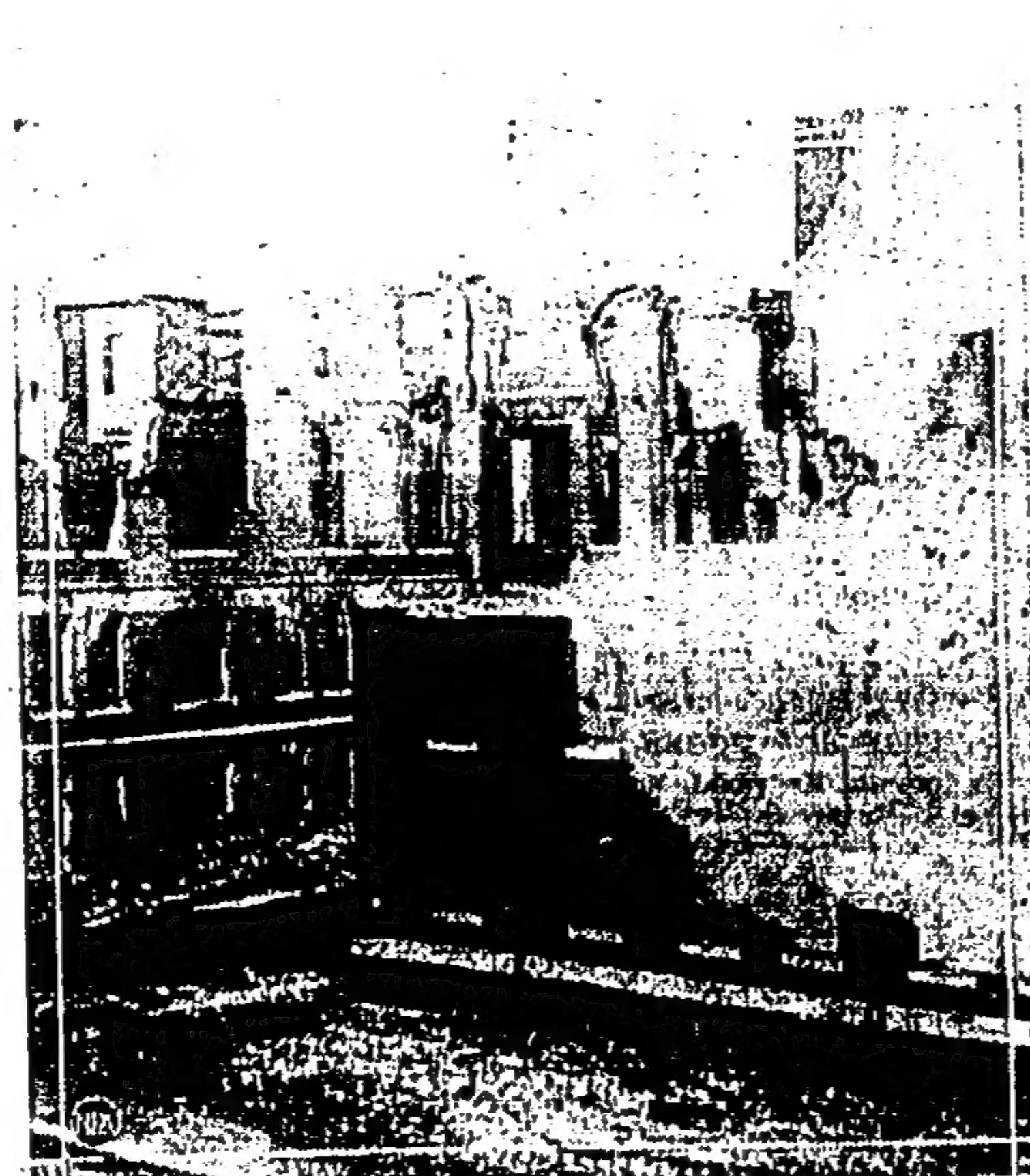
KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.—This picture shows the hoisting of the flag at the official opening of Kowloon Golf Club. (Photo: Mee Cheung.)



A MODERN COMMERCIAL AEROPLANE.—The De Havilland 50 aeroplane G-EBFN, which won the traffic competition at the International Aircraft Exhibition at Gothenburg in 1923 and the King's Cup race round Great Britain this year. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



TEST MATCH.—This picture was taken at the first of the series of Test matches at Sydney. It shows Gregory, caught Strickland, bowled Tate—O. This was Tate's second wicket in the one over, as, a few balls earlier, Hendry was dismissed in exactly the same way. The picture gives a good view of the new scoring board, and of a section of the forty-seven thousand enthusiasts who crowded the historic ground.



SCHOOL FIRE.—Students of the State Normal School at Bidgewater, U.S.A., had to flee out into the cold, scantily clad, when an early morning fire destroyed three buildings of the institution. None was injured.

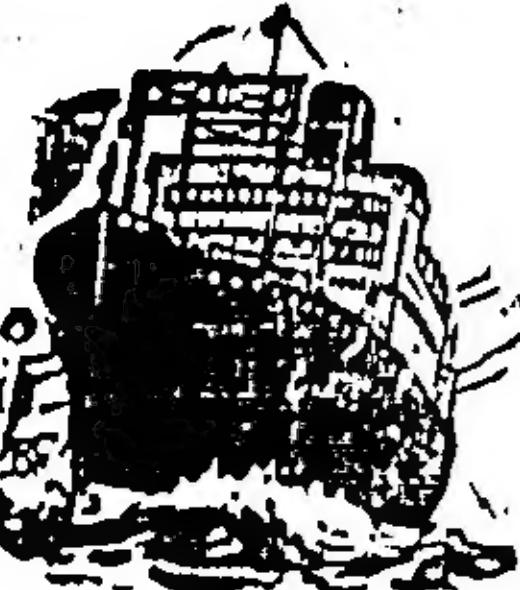


CYCLISTS.—Reginald McNamara (left), the veteran Australian, and Pete Van Kempen, the courageous Hollander, were the winners in the six-day cycle race at Madison Square Garden, New York.



BY WIRELESS.—Here is how H. R. H. the Prince of Wales looks in a radio photograph. This picture of him was transmitted from London to New York in just 20 minutes in the Radio Corporation's first trans-Atlantic test.

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ANTILOCHUS 1st Mar. Mars., Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

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PATROCLUS 5th Feb. for Shanghai

SARPEDON 27th Jan. for Singapore, Marseilles & London

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MOREA	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles & London
DOUGOLA	8,083	8th Feb.	Spore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
SARDINIA	6,684	18th Feb.	Spore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
KASHMIR	8,063	21st Feb.	M'les, L'don, Hull & Antwerp
MALWA	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
SOUDAN	6,693	18th Mar.	Spore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
KASIGAR	9,005	21st Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp
SICILIA	6,813	31st Mar.	Spore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
MANTUA	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KARMALA	9,093	18th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
FARDINIA	6,684	16th May	Spore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
MAGOGA	6,654	16th May	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
TALMA	10,000	7th Feb.	Spore, Ponang & Calcutta
WILAWA	8,500	16th Feb.	Spore, Ponang & Calcutta
VALAMBA	8,500	25th Feb.	Spore, Ponang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
W. ALBANS	4,500	4th Feb.	Manila, S'kan, Thursday Is., Townsville, B'ban, S'ney and Melbourne.
WANDA	6,956	28th Feb.	
IRAFURA	6,000	1st Apr.	

*Omits Sandakan.

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	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
WILAWA	8,500	23rd Jan. noon	Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	8,963	25 Jan. 4 P.M.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SARDINIA	6,684	27th Jan. D.L.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
VALAMBA	8,500	4th Feb.	Kobe
WANDA	6,956	7th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASIGAR	9,005	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SOUDAN	6,696	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	7th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe
IRAFURA	6,000	7th Mar.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SICILIA	6,813	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe

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	The Hongkong	Leaves Hongkong	Leaves Hongkong
PE. BUCKSHIRE	29th Jan.	GLEN B G	28th Jan
GLENIFFER	12th Feb.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
GLERLIE	19th Feb.	GLEN H L	15th Feb
GLENSHANE	10th March.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Oras.

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AMBOISE			1st Feb.
CHANTILLY			15th Feb.
PORTHOS	1st Jan.	3rd Feb.	1st Mar.
ANGKOR	15th Jan.	16th Feb.	15th Mar.
FONT VENELEAU	20th Jan.	2d Mar.	29th Mar.
ANGERS	12th Feb.	16th Mar.	12th Apr.

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KITANO MARU ... Wednesday, 28th Jan. at 11 a.m.

HARUNA MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Feb. at 11 a.m.

BAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM & Ports.

DURDAN MARU ... Middle of March.

LIVERPOOL via ADEN & MARSEILLES.

LIMA MARU ... Sunday, 8th Feb.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Feb.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Mar.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKETOYO MARU ... Monday, 16th Feb.

DUENOS AIRS via SINGAPORE, Durban & Cape Town.

KAMAKURA MARU ... Wednesday, 4th Mar.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.

MORIOKA MARU ... Thursday, 29th Jan.

CEYLON MARU ... Friday, 6th Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MOJI MARU ... Friday, 30th Jan.

BENGAL MARU ... Saturday, 7th Feb.

KANSAI, KODE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU ... Thursday, 12th Feb.

SHIANGA, KODE & YOKOHAMA.

AKITA MARU ... Friday, 23rd Jan.

TOBA MARU ... Saturday, 24th Jan.

KATORI MARU ... Monday, 26th Jan.

TSURUGA MARU ... Thursday, 29th Jan.

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BANGKOK via Swatow Chaksang Tues. 27th Jan. at 5 p.m.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26th.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27th.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28th.

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SELLING.

F/T	London	1/23	4 m/s. San Francisco and New York	5/63
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	4 m/s. Paris	10/66
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	6 m/s.	11/16
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Demand, Germany	65/1
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Demand, New York	65/1
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Demand, Bombay	16/1
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Demand, Calcutta	15/1
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	On Xanthippe	14/3
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Demand, Madras	11/1
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Demand, Singapore	62/1
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Demand, Batavia	12/1
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	On Haliphong	16/1
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	On Haiphong	3/1
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	On Bangkok	8/4
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Overseas	8/42
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O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Bar Silver	32/80
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Forward	3/2
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	Bank of England	3/1
O/D.	London	1/23-15 16	New York/Leeds	4/78/1
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O/D.	London	2/4	4 m/s. San Francisco and New York	16/1
O/D.	London	2/4	Demand, Germany	65/1
O/D.	London	2/4	Demand, New York	65/1
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INWARD MAILED.

From	Per	Date
Straits	Keturah M.	25th Jan.
Japan & Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Keturah M.	25th Jan.
(London 2nd Jan.)	Pres Lincoln	29th Jan.
Malta	Pres Jackson	1st Feb.
Manila	Mr. Albion	2nd Feb.
Japan	Pres Hayes	2nd Feb.
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai	Pres Hayes	2nd Feb.

OUTWARD MAILED.

For	Per	Date
Swatow & Bangkok	Kuang-chow	Tues. 27 inst. 9.30 a.m.
Straits	Kitano M.	27th
Ceylon	Pres Lincoln	29th
India	Pres Jackson	1st Feb.
Mauritius	Mr. Albion	2nd Feb.
E. & S. Africa	Pres Hayes	2nd Feb.
Egypt & Europe	Pres Hayes	2nd Feb.
via Marseilles	Pres Hayes	2nd Feb.

Registration	9.45 a.m.	Date
	(Due Marseilles 24th Feb.)	
	Tues. 27 inst. 10 a.m.	

(Correspondence specially superscribed via Siberia only.)

Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	Keturah M.	Tues. 27 inst. 10 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 24th Feb.)		
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Ho-ho & Haiphong	Kitano M.	27th
Swatow	Pres Lincoln	29th
Amoy & Bangkok	Pres Jackson	1st Feb.
Swatow & Bangkok	Mr. Albion	2nd Feb.
Swatow	Pres Hayes	2nd Feb.
Brunei, Ceylon, India Mauritius E. & Europe via Marseilles	Pres Hayes	2nd Feb.

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Minggang	Pres Hayes	27th

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